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NOTE:—This pamphlet is neither a legal document nor a complete dossier of the current Wild Fur Industry regulations. It is an abbreviated guide, published to assist the trapper to interpret the rules. If required, specific details of the regulations may be obtained from the nearest Fish and Wildlife Office.

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TRAPPING REGULATIONS

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IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR THE 1980-81 TRAPPING SEASON

1. Foot-hold or leg-hold traps with jawspreads of 9 inches (23 cm) or more may not be used to trap wildlife.
2. Foot-hold or leg-hold traps equipped with toothed jaws may not be used to trap wildlife.
3. Quotas specified for otter and wolverine (see additional season information - Part II) are the total number that may be taken from a trapping area per season.
4. Trapping seasons have been changed for some species in various zones. (See Part I on reverse side).
5. When a registered trapping area falls into two fur management zones, those quotas which allow the greater number of animals to be taken will apply to the trapping area.
6. Resident trapping licence fees have been increased. Refer to the table on licences and permits.

Other important changes not mentioned above appear in red print throughout this summary.

GENERAL

If a licence to trap covers the shore of any body of water, the authority granted by the licence shall extend into the body of water 200 yards (183 m) perpendicular to the shore. However, no such extension shall:

a) include any island in that body of water,
b) go beyond the boundaries or extended boundaries of any legal subdivision, quarter section or half section, or
c) go beyond the centre line of any body of water.

OTTER CARCASSES WANTED

This winter the Fish and Wildlife Division would again like to obtain skinned, frozen carcasses of otter. These carcasses will be used to obtain much-needed information on otter biology and ecology. Please contact the Fish & Wildlife Division Office nearest you if you are willing to participate in this program. Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

PROHIBITIONS

It is unlawful to:

1. Engage in or assist in the trapping or hunting of any fur-bearing animal unless a person is:
   a) the holder of a valid trapping licence,
   b) the spouse or child (under 18 years of age) of a registered trapper, or
   c) the child (under 16 years of age) of the holder of a resident trappers licence.
2. Set snares to take or capture fur-bearing animals or fur-bearing carnivores unless:
   a) a person is the holder of a certificate of registration of a trapping area, or
   b) a person is the holder of a resident trapper's licence and sets out snares for beaver, snowshoe hares, squirrels or weasels (N.B.: Resident trappers using snares to take or capture beaver must place the snare in such a way that the snare loop is submerged beneath the ice or water level).
3. Allow the pelt of any fur-bearing animal or fur-bearing carnivore to be wasted, destroyed or spoiled, except for skunks or coyotes killed by a person on his own land.
4. Break open or destroy any beaver dam or lodge.
5. Be engaged or involved in trapping while not carrying on your person your valid trapper's licence or valid trapper's identification card.
6. Apply for a certificate of registration of a trapping area unless a person is:
   a) a Canadian citizen,
   b) an Alberta resident, and
   c) 18 years of age or older.
7. Apply for or attempt to purchase a resident trapper's licence unless a person:
   a) is an Alberta resident over 14 years old,
   b) is the owner, occupant or lessee of the land he wishes to trap on, or
   c) has the written permission of the owner, occupant or lessee of the land that he wishes to trap on.
8. Hunt fur-bearing carnivores at a time and a place that it is legal to hunt big game unless that person is visibly clothed in a long sleeved outer garment and head dress of scarlet or blaze orange.
9. Export outside the boundaries of Alberta a pelt or part thereof, without having first obtained an export permit and paid the appropriate fur tax (See sections under Exporting).
10. Carry any firearm other than a .22 calibre rim fire rifle on an off-highway vehicle between 12:00 midnight and 12:00 noon during a time that the season is open for the hunting of big game in any wildlife management unit that places restrictions on the use of off-highway vehicles (OHV's) for hunting during the above hours.
11. Trap wildlife with leg-hold or foot-hold traps with jawspreads of 9 inches (23 cm) or more.
12. Trap wildlife using leg-hold or foot-hold traps equipped with toothed jaws.

ACCIDENTAL TRAPPING OF UNAUTHORIZED WILDLIFE

Any person who, in the course of any trapping operations accidentally takes an illegal fur bearing animal, should skin and properly prepare the pelt and deliver it to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division Office. Proceeds resulting from the sale of this pelt may be returned in part or whole to the trapper.

FUR TAX

Any person in possession of the pelts of fur-bearing animals or fur-bearing carnivores on October 1st of the year following the date that these pelts were hunted or trapped must pay a Fur Tax as required under the following schedule:

Badger	$ .70
Beaver	.60
Bobcat	2.60
Coyote	1.25
Fisher	1.75
Fox (All)	1.25
Lynx	4.70
Marten	.55
Mink	.55
Muskrat	.08
Otter	1.50
Rabbit (Jack)	.02
Raccoon	.50
Squirrel	.02
Weasel	.03
Wolf	2.30
Wolverine	3.80

EXPORTING

It is unlawful to export in any way any big game animal, fur-bearing carnivore, fur-bearing animal or part thereof beyond the boundaries of Alberta without having first obtained a Provincial Export Permit. These permits are issued free of charge and may be obtained from any District Fish and Wildlife Division Office, some RCMP offices and from some border locations.

Persons exporting any Wolf out of Canada must obtain the above Provincial Export Permit as well as an export permit in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). Applications for CITES Permits may be obtained at any District Fish and Wildlife Office.

HUMANE TRAPPING

Trappers must make every effort possible to minimize or eliminate suffering of animals trapped. Trappers should also make every attempt to minimize the capture of unwanted species by using the most selective trapping techniques available.

LICENCE AND PERMIT FEES

(RESIDENTS ONLY)

For each Resident Trapper's Licence	$ 5.00
For each Indian Trapper's Licence	Free
For each Metis Trapper's Licence	Free
For the issue of a Certificate of Registration of a Trapping Area	$10.00
For each Trapping Area Renewal	$10.00
For each Wildlife Damage Permit	Free

REGISTERED TRAPPING AREAS

A registered trapping area is a parcel of crown land described on the Certificate of Registration of a Trapping Area used for the purpose of hunting, trapping and killing of fur-bearing animals and fur-bearing carnivores.

Any qualified person may make application for a vacant trapping area at any district Fish & Wildlife office. A successful applicant will receive a Certificate of Registration of a Trapping Area. This certificate gives the holder the authority to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals and fur-bearing carnivores on the crown lands described on the front of the certificate.

More than one certificate may be issued for a trapping area provided that the second and subsequent applicants obtain the written consent of the senior certificate holder. If more than one certificate is issued, consent must be obtained from the person who has held a certificate of registration for that trapping area for the greatest length of time. The holder of a certificate of registration may apply for a renewal of that certificate between June 1st and September 30th provided that the application for renewal is accompanied by:

a) a sworn declaration showing numbers and kinds of fur-bearing animals and fur-bearing carnivores taken on the trapping area during the previous year, and
b) in the case of the second or subsequent certificate holder, the written permission of the first certificate holder.

WILDLIFE DAMAGE PERMITS

A Wildlife Damage Permit is a permit to hunt and trap beaver or muskrats on privately owned lands where beaver or muskrats are causing or are liable to cause damage to irrigation projects or work connected with farm crops, public property, and public works such as road grades and culverts.

Any person may apply for a Wildlife Damage Permit if that person is the owner, occupant or lessee of the above mentioned lands. Wildlife Damage Permits are available at any District Fish and Wildlife Office and are free of charge.

RESIDENT TRAPPING LICENCES

A resident trapper's licence is a licence to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals and fur-bearing carnivores on privately owned lands, unoccupied Crown lands, occupied Crown lands and lands forming part of a municipality.

Any person may apply for a resident trapper's licence to hunt or trap fur-bearing animals and fur-bearing carnivores on the above mentioned lands if that person is the owner, occupant or lessee. Resident Trapper's Licences are available at any District Fish and Wildlife Office. Any person may apply for a Resident Trapper's Licence on lands not owned, occupied or leased by the applicant provided that:

a) the applicant obtains the written permission of the owner, occupant or lessee, and
b) the written permission contains the name and address of the owner, occupant or lessee, the legal description of the lands applied for, the name and address of the trapper applying, and the signature of the owner, occupant or lessee.

Any person may apply for more than one Resident Trapper's Licence, and a separate Resident Trapper's Licence must be obtained for each separate area of land to be trapped for which permission has been obtained.

No person who is the holder of a resident trapper's licence may hunt or trap otter, or lynx in Fur Management Zones 7 and 8 under the authority of resident trapper's licence.

INDIAN TRAPPER'S LICENCE

This licence authorizes Treaty Indians to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals and fur-bearing carnivores within the boundaries of the Indian reserve on which they reside, and may be obtained from the Band Administration Office.

METIS TRAPPER'S LICENCE

This licence authorizes Metis Colony members to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals and fur-bearing carnivores within the boundaries of the Metis Colony in which they live, and may be obtained from the Metis Colony Supervisor.

TRAPPER EDUCATION 1980-1981

Alberta Trapper Education and Wild Fur upgrading courses will be offered at various locations again this year. You are encouraged to participate in these programs when they are held in your area. Program content includes humane trapping techniques, fur handling, marketing information, and regulation review. When possible, we include information on fur quality and grading.

Information on program locations may be obtained from your local Fish & Wildlife office, Alberta Trapper's Central Association and the office of the Fur Co-ordinator, Fish and Wildlife Division, Head Office, Edmonton.

CANADIAN TRAPPERS MANUAL

The Canadian Trappers manual contains comprehensive information on all aspects of trapping and handling furs. It is available from the Canadian Trappers Federation, Box 140, North Bay, Ontario, P1B 8G8, at a price of $8.00.

FISH AND WILDLIFE DIVISION LOCAL OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CALGARY REGION	
Brooks	362-5551
*Calgary	261-6423
Cochrane	932-2388
Drumheller	823-5740
High River	652-3232
Oyen (½ day)	664-3614
Strathmore (½ day)	934-3422
LETHBRIDGE REGION	
Blairmore	562-2856
Cardston	653-4331
Claresholm	625-3301
Foremost (½ day)	867-3826
*Lethbridge	329-5266
Medicine Hat	529-3680
Pincher Creek	627-3366
RED DEER REGION	
Camrose	672-4411
Nordegg (½ day)	721-3949
Olds	556-8421
Ponoka (½ day)	783-3337
Provost (½ day)	753-2433
*Red Deer	343-5142
Rocky Mtn. House	845-3394
Stettler	742-4481
Wetaskiwin (½ day)	352-9211
EDMONTON REGION	
Athabasca	675-2419
Barrhead	674-3351
*Edmonton	427-3574
Stony Plain	963-6131
Vegreville	632-3361

(½ day) - offices (1:00 - 4:30 p.m.)
* — Regional Fish and Wildlife Offices

EDSON REGION	
*Edson	723-3341
Evansburg	727-3635
Grande Cache	827-3356
Hinton	865-3361
Whitecourt	778-2515
PEACE RIVER REGION	
Fairview	835-2737
Grande Prairie	539-2121
High Level (½ day)	926-3698
High Prairie	523-4561
Manning (½ day)	836-3065
*Peace River	624-6246
Slave Lake	849-2281
Valleyview	524-3605
ST. PAUL REGION	
Bonnyville	826-3142
Cold Lake	639-3377
Ft. Chipewyan	697-3636
Ft. McMurray	743-7200
Lac La Biche	623-4474
*St. Paul	645-4475
Smoky Lake	656-3556
Vermilion	853-2811

EDMONTON DISTRICT OFFICE
SUN BUILDING
10363 - 108 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
427-3574
T5J 1L8

HEAD OFFICE LOCATION
Fish and Wildlife Division
1820 Centennial Building
10015 - 103 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta

HEAD OFFICE MAILING ADDRESS
Alberta Energy & Natural Resources
Fish and Wildlife Division
8th Floor, South Tower
Petroleum Plaza, 9915 - 108 Street
Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2C9

PART I GENERAL TRAPPING SEASONS

	ZONE 1	ZONE 2	ZONE 3	ZONE 4	ZONE 5	ZONE 6	ZONE 7	ZONE 8
BADGER	Closed	Closed	Dec. 1—Apr. 15	Dec. 1—Apr. 15	Dec. 1—Apr. 15	Dec. 1—Apr. 15	Dec. 1—Apr. 15	Dec. 1—Mar. 31
BLACK BEAR						Closed	Closed	Closed
BEAVER	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 1—May. 15	Oct. 15—May 15	Oct. 15—Apr. 30	Oct. 15—Apr. 30
BOBCAT	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 1—Feb. 28
COYOTE	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Jan. 31	Oct. 1—Jan. 31
FISHER	Nov. 1—Feb. 14	Nov. 1—Feb. 14	Nov. 1—Feb. 14	Nov. 1—Feb. 14	Nov. 1—Feb. 14	Closed	Closed	Closed
FOX	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb.28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28
LYNX	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28
MARTEN	Closed	Nov. 1—Feb. 14	Closed	Nov. 1—Feb. 14	Nov. 1—Feb. 14	Dec. 1—Feb. 14	Closed	Closed
MINK	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28
MUSKRAT	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 1—May 15	Oct. 15—May 15	Oct. 15—Apr. 30	Oct. 15—Apr. 30
OTTER	Dec. 1—Apr.15	Dec. 1—Apr. 15	Dec. 1—Apr. 15	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
RACCOON	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28
RED SQUIRREL	Nov. 1—Mar. 15	Nov. 1—Mar. 15	Nov. 1—Mar. 15	Nov. 1—Mar. 15	Nov. 1—Mar. 15	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28
SKUNK		NO	CLOSED	SEASON				
SNOWSHOE HARE	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28
WEASEL	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 1—Feb. 28	Nov. 15—Feb. 28	Nov. 15—Feb. 28	Nov. 15—Feb. 28
WOLF	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28	Oct. 1—Feb. 28
WOLVERINE	Nov. 1—Feb. 15	Nov. 1—Feb. 15	Nov. 1—Feb. 15	Nov. 1—Feb. 15	Nov. 1—Feb. 15	Nov. 1—Feb. 15	Closed	Closed

See additional season information

PART II ADDITIONAL SEASON INFORMATION

ZONE 1	Black Bear —	4 black bear may be hunted on registered trapping areas north of the Red Deer River during the open season for black bear.
	Otter —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 2 otter per trapping area per season.
	Wolverine —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 1 wolverine per trapping area per season.
ZONE 2	Black Bear —	4 black bear may be hunted on registered trapping areas north of the Red Deer River during the open season for black bear.
	Otter —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 1 otter per trapping area per season.
	Wolverine —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 2 wolverine per trapping area per season.
ZONE 3	Black Bear —	4 black bear may be hunted on registered trapping areas north of the Red Deer River during the open season for black bear.
	Otter —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 5 otter per trapping area per season.
	Weasel —	Weasel **may not** be trapped in that part of the province described as follows: Ranges 1 to 5 inclusive, west of the 4th meridian,from the international boundary to the north boundary of township 64. This does not apply to Indian reserves and Metis areas set aside under the Metis Betterment Act which fall within the area described above.
	Wolverine —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 1 wolverine per trapping area per season.
ZONE 4	Black Bear —	4 black bear may be hunted on registered trapping areas north of the Red Deer River during the open season for black bear.
	Wolverine —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 2 wolverine per trapping area per season.
ZONE 5	Black Bear —	4 black bear may be hunted on registered trapping areas north of the Red Deer River during the open season for black bear.
	Wolverine —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 2 wolverine per trapping area per season.
ZONE 6	Wolverine —	Registered trappers may hunt or trap an aggregate total of 2 wolverine per trapping area per season.
ZONE 7	Weasel —	Weasel **may not** be trapped in that part of the province described as follows: Ranges 1 to 5 inclusive, west of the 4th meridian, from the international boundary to the north boundary of township 64. This does not apply to Indian reserves or Metis areas set aside under the Metis Betterment Act which fall within the area described above.
ZONE 8	Weasel —	Weasel **may not** be trapped in that part of the province described as follows: Ranges 1 to 5 inclusive, west of the 4th meridian, from the international boundary to the north boundary of township 64. This does not apply to Indian reserves or Metis areas set aside under the Metis Betterment Act which fall within the area described above.

NOTE: Weasels are protected in Ranges 1 to 5 inclusive, west of the 4th meridian,to assist in the control of Norway rats.

FUR MANAGEMENT ZONES

A SUMMARY OF

TRAPPING REGULATIONS

1980

Wildlife Sanctuaries and Restricted Areas

Cities, Indian Reserves, and Metis Areas

SCALE : APPROX. 1" = 55 MILES OR 1:3 500 000

80 60 40 20 0 40 80 120 160 200 240 km

50 40 30 20 10 0 50 100 150 Miles

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